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	Filing Date	December 22, 2000
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	Group Art Unit	2861 #19
	Examiner Name	L. Nguyen RCE
	Attorney Docket Number	00684.003120 OSma

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a.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of <u>three</u> months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required)
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